

S B

1 2 3

STATE OF ALASKA

DEPT. OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

FRANK H. MURKOWSKI, GOVERNOR

P.O. BOX 110601
JUNEAU, ALASKA 99811-0601
PHONE: (907) 465-3030
FAX: (907) 465-3068

March 6, 2003

Honorable Fred Dyson
Chairman
Senate Health, Education, and Social Services Committee
Alaska State Capitol, Rm. 121
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Senator Dyson,

The Department of Health and Social Services respectfully requests a hearing in the Senate Health, Education, and Social Services Committee on Senate Bill 123 "An Act relating to adoptions that include a subsidy payment by the state; eliminating annual review of the subsidy paid by the state after adoption of a hard-to-place child has occurred; and providing for an effective date."

This bill would repeal AS 25.23.220, which requires the Department of Health and Social Services to conduct an annual evaluation of the need for continued adoption subsidy payments and the amount of those payments. This bill also amends AS 47.07.020(b)(10) and AS 47.07.035(31) to remove reference to AS 25.23.220.

Persons who adopt a hard-to-place child may receive a monthly subsidy payment for the care and support of that child. After the court finalizes an adoption with subsidy, the family is independent of the Department with the exception of a statutorily required annual evaluation of the subsidy.

Adoptive parents and guardians have the right to request a review of their subsidy payments at any time. The repeal of AS 25.23.220 would not affect this right, but would be a cost saving measure for the Department of Health and Social Services. Eliminating this required annual review will provide an estimated cost savings in the amount of \$185,000 to the budget. A fiscal note should be on file with the committee.

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2003 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 1

Bill Version: SB 123

(S) Publish Date: 3/6/03

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction):

Dept. Affected: Health & Social Services

Title ELIMINATE ANNUAL ADOPTION SUBSIDY
REVIEWS

BRU Purchased Services

Component Subsidized Adoptions/Guardians

Sponsor RULES COMMITTEE

Requester GOVERNOR

Component No. 1962

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims	(270.0)	(270.0)	(270.0)	(270.0)	(270.0)	(270.0)
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	(270.0)	(270.0)	(270.0)	(270.0)	(270.0)	(270.0)

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
-----------------------------	--	--	--	--	--	--

CHANGE IN REVENUES (0)						
-------------------------------	--	--	--	--	--	--

FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts	(85.0)	(85.0)	(85.0)	(85.0)	(85.0)	(85.0)
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	(185.0)	(185.0)	(185.0)	(185.0)	(185.0)	(185.0)
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other(Specify Type-do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	(270.0)	(270.0)	(270.0)	(270.0)	(270.0)	(270.0)

Estimate of any current year (FY2003) cost: _____

Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2004 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This bill would repeal AS 25.23.220, which requires the Department of Health and Social Services to conduct an annual evaluation of the need for continued adoption or guardianship subsidy payments and the amount of those payments. This bill also amends AS 47.07.020(b)(10) and AS 47.07.035(31) to remove reference to AS 25.23.220.

Persons who adopt or become legal guardians for a hard-to-place child may receive a monthly subsidy payment for the care and support of that child. After the court finalizes an adoption or guardianship with subsidy, the family is independent of the Department with the exception of a statutorily required annual evaluation of the subsidy.

Prepared by: Tom Cherian, Acting Division Director

Phone 465-3191

Division Division of Family & Youth Services

Date/Time 02/26/2003

Approved by: Joel S. Gilbertson, Commissioner

Date 02/27/2003

Agency Department of Health and Social Services

FISCAL NOTE
FN # 1

STATE OF ALASKA
2003 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. SB 123

ANALYSIS CONTINUATION

Adoptive parents and guardians have the right to request a review of their subsidy payments at any time. The repeal of AS 25.23.220 would not affect this right, but would be a cost saving measure for the Department of Health and Social Services. There were 1,854 children in the subsidy program in December 2002. The Division estimates this bill would generate costs savings of \$185,000 general funds and \$85,000 federal funds for a total savings of \$270,000. This savings is through cost containment to existing subsidy amounts and the processing costs associated with the mail out, review and evaluation of subsidy data and the follow up work necessary to finalize the review process.

The cost savings shown on this fiscal note has already been included in the Governor's amended FY2004 budget.

Adoption Assistance Cost Savings Proposal HB 166/SB 123

Concept

Elimination of the Annual Review (Reevaluation) Process for the Subsidized Adoption and Guardianship Program

Potential Savings \$185,000 annually

Description

By Alaska State Statute, AS 25.23.220 *Annual reevaluation of subsidy*, the Division of Family and Youth Services conducts an annual review (reevaluation) of each active subsidy in the SAG Program. By Statutory language, the annual review is to:

- Assess the need for the continued subsidy, and
- The amount of the subsidy

Federal policy specifically addresses the question of States having adoptive parents complete annual reviews in the Child Welfare Policy Manual; Section 8.2B.8 Title IV-E-Adoption Assistance Program, Eligibility, Medicaid:

There is no Federal statute or provision requiring annual renewals, recertifications or eligibility re-determinations for title IV-E adoption assistance. Parents who receive adoption assistance payments, however, have a responsibility to keep the State or local agency informed of circumstances that would make them ineligible for title IV-E adoption assistance payments, or eligible for assistance payments in a different amount.... Once a child is determined eligible to receive title IV-E adoption assistance he or she remains eligible and the subsidy continues until: (1) the age of 18...; (2) the State determines that the parent is no longer legally responsible for the support of the child, or; (3) the State determines the child is no longer receiving any support from the parents. (Online: http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/cb/laws/cwpm/policy_dsp.jsp?citID=33)

Currently, annual reviews are conducted by DFYS during the fourth quarter of the fiscal year. As of January 31, 2003 there were 1859 children in the subsidy program. The DFYS State Office Adoptions Staff sends out to each guardian and adoptive family a one-page annual review form requesting information for the annual review. Families are requested to return the information in an enclosed, self-addressed stamped envelope by a designated date. The processing of the annual reviews includes the annual redetermination for Medicaid eligibility for adoptive families.

Ease of Implementation

Implementation of this plan would occur with relative ease. The Division of Family and Youth Services would simply stop the annual review process in FY 2004. The cost savings would be seen in the use of staff time on other program and subsidy matters in the SAG Program.

History of Concept

The initial intent of the annual review process was to focus on cost containment within the Subsidized Adoption and Guardianship Program. However, federal policy requirements limit the impact that these efforts have on the program. Federal policy does not allow for the reduction of a subsidy unless the family is in concurrence with the reduction on the subsidy amounts; thus, many of the subsidies remain at existing levels. (See U. S Department of Health and Human Services; Administration on Children, Youth and Families; ACYF-CB-PA-01-01, Section: *Amount of Adoption Assistance Payments*, Dated: January 23, 2001). Additionally, at the time of the annual review, many of the families in the subsidy program request increases in their existing subsidies. While not all of the requests for a subsidy increase are granted, the reality is that subsidy rates will increase at the annual review, rather than decrease.

The elimination of the annual review process creates a cost savings by providing cost containment to existing subsidy amounts, and by eliminating the staff time to process the mail outs, the processing of the annual reviews, and the necessary follow up for subsidy increase requests.

Additional Information

- As of January 31, 2003, there are a total of 1859 guardianship and adoption subsidies.
- Of the 1859 subsidies, there are 1530 adoption subsidies and 329 guardianship subsidies
- Of the 1530 adoption subsidies, there are 1277 Federal adoption subsidies and 253 State adoption subsidies.
- Of the total of 1530 adoption subsidies, there are 77 children who currently receive a zero subsidy, which offers no funds for the subsidy, but does offer Medicaid eligibility for the child to age 18.
- During the month of January, DFYS had:
 - 18 new subsidies
 - 5 adoption/guardianship terminations
 - 7 adoption/guardianship subsidies closed as the child reached age 18



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES
DIVISION OF FAMILY & YOUTH SERVICES
STATE OFFICE
JUNEAU, AK

Fax Transmittal Sheet

DATE: 3/12/03

TO: Jason Hooley

Fax: 4587

Phone: _____

FROM: Mike Roman

Fax: _____

Phone: _____

Number of pages to follow this cover page 6

Message: SB 123

Appealing guardianship and adoption studies

This fax is CONFIDENTIAL. If you receive this fax in error please contact the division immediately @ (907) 465-3191 or (907) 465-3170

THE
FOLLOWING
DOCUMENT(S)
ARE
POOR
ORIGINAL
COPIES

STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES
DIVISION OF FAMILY & YOUTH SERVICES

PROGRAM: CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES
CHAPTER: 6.0 ADMINISTRATION
SECTION: 6.2.2.6.B



6.2.2.6.B GUARDIANSHIP SUBSIDIES

AUTHORITY: AS 13.26.062 Subsidized Guardianship; Procedure, AS 25.23.200 Investigation, AS 25.23.210 Amount and Duration of Subsidy Payments, AS 25.23.220 Annual Reevaluation, AS 25.23.240(7) Definitions, AS 47.14.100(d)(3) Powers and Duties of Department over Care of Child, 7 AAC 53.200 - 250 Subsidized Adoption and Subsidized Guardianship Payments.

POLICY: The division may make subsidy payments to guardians of children who are in DFYS custody at the time the guardianship plan is made, if guardianship is the permanent plan for the child, the subsidy is recommended by the Permanency Planning Conference, the child meets the criteria established, and the family has an approved guardianship study. The division will not pay guardianship subsidies for children under age 10, unless approved by the Director's Designee.

a. Criteria For Children:

1. Children must be considered hard to place under the state's definition in order to be considered for subsidized guardianship. A hard to place (special needs) child is defined as a minor who is not likely to be adopted by reason of physical or mental disability, emotional disturbance, recognized high risk of physical or mental disease, age, membership in a sibling group, racial or ethnic factors, or any combination of these conditions.
2. The worker has documented efforts to place the child for adoption before considering a guardianship for the child, and that these documented efforts are included on the Permanency Planning Conference form.
3. The worker has documented efforts to place the child for guardianship without the subsidy and that these efforts were unsuccessful; these efforts should be included on the Permanency Planning Conference form.
4. Since adoption generally offers a higher degree of permanency for the child, adoption is the preferred choice for children under the age of ten. Therefore, the child must also meet one of the following criteria to be eligible for a guardianship:
 - A. For children over the age of ten, in order of preference, which is based on the highest degree of permanence for the child:
 - i. The child is not legally free for adoption, but desires a guardianship plan and the birth parents agree and/or prefer guardianship; or

STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES
DIVISION OF FAMILY & YOUTH SERVICES

PROGRAM: CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES
CHAPTER: 6.0 ADMINISTRATION
SECTION: 6.2.2.6.B

submitted at this time. (ICWA Documentation (06-9737).) If the child is under ten, submit documentation of the approval by the Director/Designee.

- f. The regional adoption specialist will review the material for completeness and accuracy, obtain the Children's Services Manager's signature where required; and submit the material to the State Office adoption staff. Prior to submitting a subsidy request to State Office for approval, the Regional Adoption Specialist will confirm that there is a positive home study on the guardians. The home study does not need to be submitted with the subsidy packet, but the worker and Regional Adoption Specialist verify on the Nomination form that a home study has been done.
- g. The State Office adoption staff will review the forms and, if all the necessary information and documentation is present, State Office adoption staff will then forward the submitted forms and documentation and the subsidy agreement form to the division director or designee for approval and signature.
- h. When the subsidy has been approved and signed, the worker will be sent a notice of clearance so they can proceed with the guardianship in court. **Guardianship subsidy requests must be submitted to State Office for consideration and the subsidy agreement must be signed by the prospective guardians and the director or designee prior to the guardianship hearing.** The worker and the Assistant Attorney General can document to the court that the division agrees to drop custody if the guardianship is awarded. It is not legally necessary to have division consent, but if difficulties arise contact the State Office adoption staff for assistance.
- i. If the guardian requests a change in the subsidy amount before the guardianship order is issued, the worker is responsible for negotiating the amount.
- j. The subsidy file will be held until the court order of guardianship is submitted to State Office. Guardianship subsidy payments will be initiated the day after the guardianship order's effective date.
- k. If the guardian requests a change in the subsidy amount after the guardianship order has been issued, the State Office adoption staff is responsible for negotiating the amount.
- l. Guardianship Subsidy Agreements are renewed annually by the guardian(s) and the division, through the State Office adoption staff in State Office.
- m. State Office will close foster care and the worker will close the case record when the court has ordered transfer of custody from the division to the guardian(s) and the guardianship order has been sent to State Office. State Office will adjust subsidy to reflect foster care payments thus assuring continuity of payment.

Date of Issue: March 31, 1989

Superseded by: October 1, 2001

STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES
DIVISION OF FAMILY & YOUTH SERVICES

PROGRAM: CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES
CHAPTER: 6.0 ADMINISTRATION
SECTION: 6.2.2.6.A

6.2.2.6 SUBSIDIES

6.2.2.6.A ADOPTION SUBSIDIES

AUTHORITY: AS 25.23.210 Amount and Duration of Subsidy Payments, AS 25.23.220 Annual Reevaluation, AS 25.23.240(7) Definitions, AS 47.14.100 Powers and Duties of Department over Care of Child, 7 AAC 53.200 - 250 Subsidized Adoption and Subsidized Guardianship Payments, AS 25.23.190 Adoption Assistance, 42 U.S.C. 673 (P. L. 96-272, Sec. 473 The Adoptions Assistance and Child Welfare Act of 1980).

POLICY: Under federal and state law, a subsidy may be provided to families who would not be able to offer an adoptive home to a hard-to-place/special needs child without continuing financial and/or medical assistance. There are two kinds of adoption subsidy: federal (Title IV-E) subsidy and state subsidy.

- a. The following criteria must be met in order for a child to be a special needs child eligible for an adoption subsidy (federal or state), or for reimbursement of non-recurring adoption expenses:
 1. A reasonable, but unsuccessful, effort has been made to place the child without providing a subsidy except where it would be against the best interest of the child due to such factors as the existence of significant emotional ties with prospective adoptive parents while in the care of such parents as a foster child.
 2. The State has determined that a specific factor or condition exists with respect to the child because of which it is reasonable to conclude that the child cannot be placed for adoption without adoption assistance. Factors/condition may include ethnic background, age, or membership in a minority or sibling group, or the presence of factors such as medical conditions or physical, mental, or emotional handicaps, or high risk of such factors e.g. due to alcohol or cocaine being present when the child was born or mental illness of the child's parent(s).
 3. The State has determined that the child cannot or should not be returned to the home of his parents, i.e. the parental rights have been terminated, or the court has determined that the child cannot return home.
- b. Adoption subsidy payments are made to adoptive parents who have entered into an adoption subsidy agreement, which is a written agreement, binding on all parties, between the division and the prospective adoptive parents. The agreement specifies: the duration of the agreement; the amount of subsidy payments (if any) and the nature and amount of any other payments,

STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES
DIVISION OF FAMILY & YOUTH SERVICES

PROGRAM: CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICE
CHAPTER: 6.0 ADMINISTRATION
SECTION: 6.2.2.6.A

coupons be sent to the adoptive parents and the review notices to the State Office adoption staff. The originals will remain in State Office.

- h. The Adoptions Clerk will send two copies of the consents for adoption to the child's caseworker (see section 3.20.2(a)(4-6)).
- i. Once an adoption subsidy has been approved and payments have started, any changes in the subsidy amount are negotiated according to the following procedures:
 - 1. If the adoptive parents request a change in the subsidy amount before the adoption is finalized, the worker is responsible for negotiating the amount.
 - 2. If the adoptive parents request a change in the subsidy amount after the adoption has been finalized, State Office adoption staff is responsible for negotiating the amount.
 - 3. Adjustments in the monthly cash payment may be made with the concurrence of the adoptive parents and based upon documented changes in the needs of the child, or changes in the circumstances of the adoptive family.
 - 4. Changes in the maximum allowable subsidy payment due to increases in foster care rates are not automatic, but based on the needs of the child and the circumstances of the adoptive family.
 - 5. The Division will notify the adoptive parents in writing of changes in subsidized adoption payments resulting from decreases in foster care rates. Adjustments will be considered at the request of the adoptive parents.
- j. Annual reviews of the subsidy and redetermination of Medicaid eligibility are addressed by State Office.
- k. Subsidized adoption payments will terminate when the child reaches age 18. Payments must also terminate if the parents cease supporting the child prior to age 18 or if the parents are no longer legally responsible for the child, and the parents must inform the agency if they become ineligible for further payments.
- l. The adoptive parents may appeal the Division's decision to reduce, change or terminate the Adoption Subsidy Agreement. Prospective adoptive parents whose request for a subsidy has been denied or the desired amount reduced, also have the right to appeal.
- m. The worker may offer the family reimbursement for non-recurring adoption expenses incurred by the adoptive parents. These expenses may include attorney's fees, court costs, adoption home study fees, costs of preplacement visitation and travel, and other one-time expenses directly related to the adoption. There is a maximum of \$2000 per child. Approval by the

ACF Administration for Children and Families	U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES Administration on Children, Youth and Families	
	1. Log No: ACYF-CB-PA-01-01	2. Issuance Date: January 23, 2001
	3. Originating Office: Children's Bureau	
	4. Key Words: Adoption Assistance Eligibility	

POLICY ANNOUNCEMENT

TO: State Agencies Administering title IV-E of the Social Security Act, Indian Tribes and Indian Tribal Organizations

SUBJECT: Title IV-E Adoption Assistance (Eligibility and Ancillary Policies)

LEGAL AND RELATED REFERENCES:

Sections 403, 431(b), 471(a)(18), 471(a)(20)(A), 473 and 474(e) of the Social Security Act; Public Law 100-203, Section 9133; Public Laws 99-514, 100-205, 104-188, 104-193, 104-208, 105-33, 105-89, and 106-169; 8 USC 1641(b); 45 CFR Parts 1356.30, 1356.40, and 1356.41; ACYF-PA-88-01; ACYF-PIQ-89-01; ACYF-PIQ-90-02; ACYF-CB-PIQ-98-02; ACYF-CB-PIQ-99-01; and ACYF-CB-IM-00-02.

WITHDRAWN ISSUANCES:

- ACYF-PIQ-82-01 (Q&A #1)
- ACYF-PIQ-82-02
- ACYF-PIQ-82-16 (1, 2, 3, and 5)
- ACYF-PIQ-82-18 (2, 3, 4 and 5)
- ACYF-PIQ-85-04
- ACYF-PIQ-85-05 (Q&As 5 and 6)
- ACYF-PIQ-86-05
- ACYF-PA-87-03
- ACYF-PIQ-87-05 (with ACYF-CB-IM-00-02 effective 2/18/2000)
- ACYF-PA-88-01
- ACYF-PIQ-88-06
- ACYF-PIQ-89-02 (Q&A - 1, 2 and 5)
- ACYF-PIQ-90-02 (Q&As 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6)
- ACYF-PIQ-91-04
- ACYF-PIQ-92-02

PURPOSE:


This announcement provides comprehensive guidelines for States to use in determining a child's eligibility for title IV-E adoption assistance. Although the Children's Bureau has issued numerous policy issuances on this topic in the past, we continue to receive requests for policy clarification in this area. In an effort to be responsive to continuing questions and provide a comprehensive issuance on title IV-E adoption assistance eligibility, we carefully reviewed the statute, as well as all of the current title IV-E adoption assistance eligibility and ancillary policies. As a result, this issuance not only contains current policies, but we also have taken this opportunity to revise some of the existing policies and practices in order to bring them in line with the statute. Those are discussed fully in the appropriate sections below. In addition, the withdrawn policy issuances and the previous and revised policies are highlighted in Appendix B. To the extent that there are conflicting requirements in earlier issuances that may not have been withdrawn with this issuance, the requirements set forth in this Policy Announcement prevail.

However, in circumstances where the State agency does not have responsibility for placement and care, or is otherwise unaware of the adoption of a potentially special needs child, it is incumbent upon the adoptive family to request adoption assistance on behalf of the child. It is not the responsibility of the State or local agency to seek out and inform individuals who are unknown to the agency about the possibility of title IV-E adoption assistance for special needs children who also are unknown to the agency. This policy is consistent with the intent and purpose of the statute, and that is to promote the adoption of special needs children who are in the public foster care system.

Amount of Adoption Assistance Payments

The amount of the adoption assistance payment cannot exceed the amount the child would have received if s/he had been in a foster family home, but otherwise must be determined through agreement between the adoptive parents and the State or local title IV-E agency. Unlike other public assistance programs in the Social Security Act, the title IV-E adoption assistance program is intended to encourage an action that will be a lifelong social benefit to certain children and not to meet short-term monetary needs during a crisis. Further, the adoptive parents' income is not relevant to the child's eligibility for the program.

Title IV-E adoption assistance is not based upon a standard schedule of itemized needs and countable income. Instead, the amount of the adoption assistance payment is determined through the discussion and negotiation process between the adoptive parents and a representative of the State agency based upon the needs of the child and the circumstances of the family. The payment that is agreed upon should combine with the parents' resources to cover the ordinary and special needs of the child projected over an extended period of time and should cover anticipated needs, e.g., child care. Anticipation and discussion of these needs are part of the negotiation of the amount of the adoption assistance payment.



Once the adoption assistance agreement is signed and the child is adopted, the adoptive parents are free to make decisions about expenditures on behalf of the child without further agency approval or oversight. Hence, once an adoption assistance agreement is in effect, the parents can spend the subsidy in any way they see fit to incorporate the child into their lives. Since there is no itemized list of approved expenditures for adoption assistance, the State cannot require an accounting for the expenditures. The amount of the assistance may be adjusted periodically if the family's or child's circumstances change, but only with the concurrence of the adoptive family.

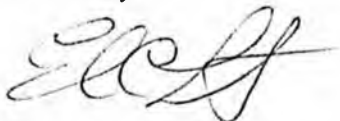
The use of a means test is prohibited in the process of selecting a suitable adoptive family, or in negotiating an adoption assistance agreement, including the amount of the adoption assistance payment.³⁶ Once a child has been determined eligible under section 473 of the Act, adoptive parents cannot be rejected for adoption assistance or have payments reduced without their agreement because of their income or other resources. In addition, the State cannot arbitrarily reject a request for an increase in the amount of subsidy (up to the amount the child would have received in foster care) in cases where the adoptive parents make life choices such as resigning one's job to stay at home with the adopted child or to return to school. Adoptive parents can request a fair hearing if the State rejects such requests.

The circumstances of the adopting parents must be considered together with the needs of the child when negotiating the adoption assistance agreement. *Consideration of the circumstances of the*

³⁶ 45 CFR 1356.40(c).

Your favorable consideration of this request would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'E. Lindstrom', written in dark ink.

Elmer A. Lindstrom
Special Assistant to the Commissioner

Cc: Mike Tibbles, Legislative Director
Office of the Governor

Tom Cherian, Acting Director
Division of Family & Youth Services

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT First Committee of Referral

DATE: 3/6/03

FURTHER: Finance

Date of 5-Day Notice: _____
(in accordance with Uniform Rule 23)

DATE TURNED IN TO OFFICE: 3.10.03

Health, Education and Social Services Committee considered

SENATE BILL NO. 123

SB 123 ELIMINATE REVIEW OF ADOPTION SUBSIDIES

"An Act relating to adoptions that include a subsidy payment by the state; eliminating annual review of the subsidy paid by the state after adoption of a hard-to-place child has occurred; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends:

Senate Bill:

be replaced with _____ CS _____ (_____)

same title

adopt previous _____ CS _____ (_____)

new title

House Bill:

attached amendment(s)

same title

technical title

new: SCR # _____

adopt Letter of Intent by _____ Committee

further referral to _____ Committee

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Zero	FN#

Department	Date	Fiscal	Zero	FN#
HSS	3/06/03	X		1

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	DO PASS	DO NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
<i>John D. ...</i>			✓	
<i>Linda Green</i>	✓			
<i>Betty Davis</i>			✓	
<i>Paul ...</i>	✓			
CHAIR:				